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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: George L. Cary, Legislative Counsel
SUBJECT: Liaison with Non-oversight Committees
on Intelligence Matters
REFERENCE: Memo for DCI from D/NSA, dtd
17 May 77; Subj: Provision of SIGINT
Foreign Intelligence to the Non-oversight
Committees of Congress

1. Action Requested: Paragraph four contains a recommendation that you approve the continuation of existing procedures with respect to liaison between the Congress and this office with respect to matters involving your Agency and Community responsibilities.

2. Background:

a. General -- This office has been supporting you on matters involving liaison with the Congress in both your Agency and Intelligence Community responsibilities. We work closely with the Intelligence Community staff on Community matters as we work closely with CIA offices on Agency matters. One member of our staff is assigned full-time to Intelligence Community matters and he draws on other elements of our staff to support him in this capacity as necessary. It was our intention to strengthen

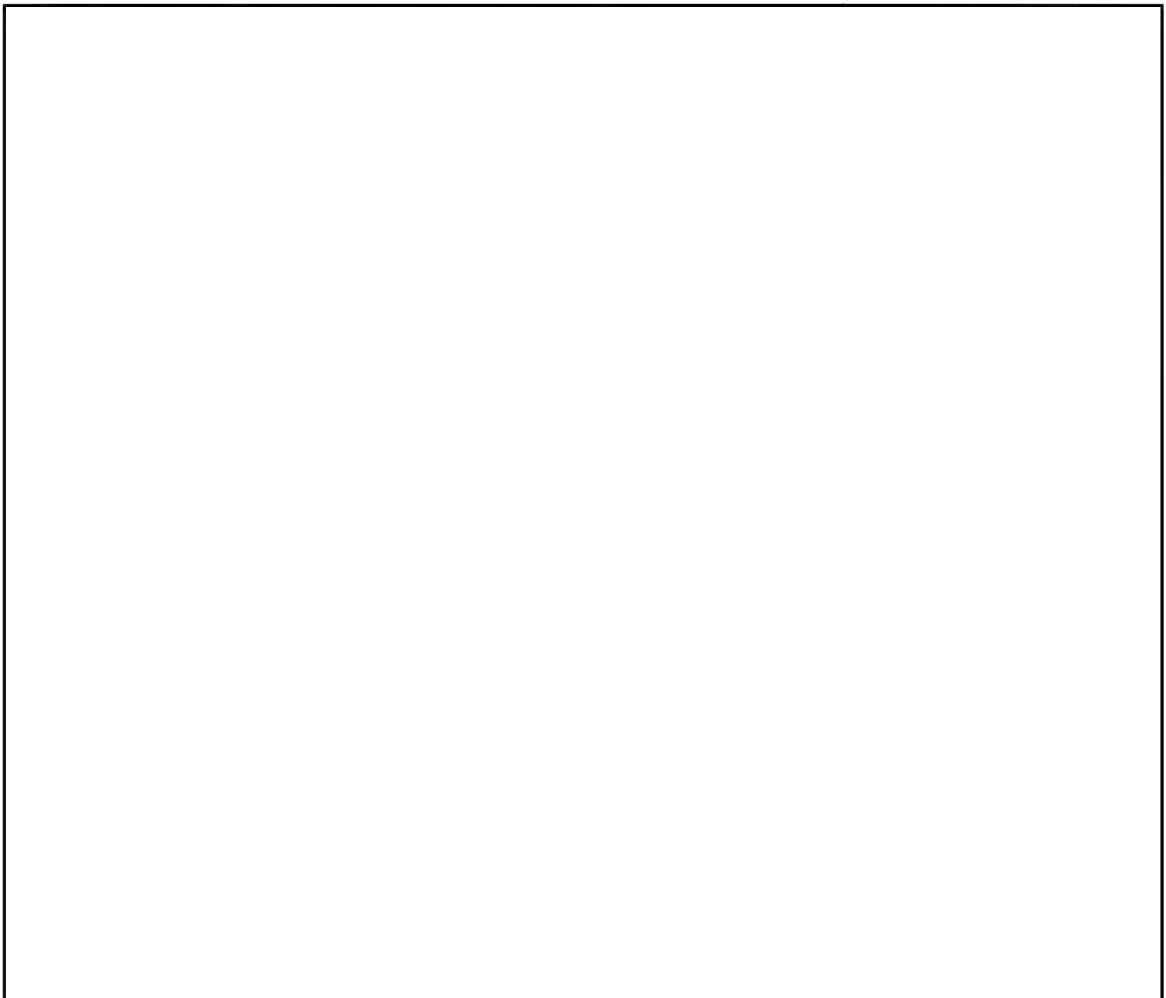
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this Intelligence Community relationship by the

acquisition of [] to our staff

because of his unique background and experience
in the Department of Defense. We are re-examining
that situation in light of your decision against the
employment of annuitants in an effort to find a reason-
ably suitable replacement for the staff officer
who will be going on leave without pay on 15 July.



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Community staff with the conclusion that requests from the Congress relating to your responsibilities as Director of Central Intelligence should be directed to this office in accordance with existing procedures. We will notify the Intelligence Community of any inquiries involving other elements of the Intelligence Community when they are outside the purview of the functions of this office.

c. Action Currently Being Taken --

Consistent with procedures followed with the Church Committee, the Pike Committee and the Senate Select Committee, we are executing or negotiating with non-oversight committees of the Congress, such as those currently conducting investigations of the KCIA and the assassinations of the Reverend Martin Luther King and President John F. Kennedy, the following security requirements:

1. Security clearances, in accordance with DCID 1/14, for staff employees who might have access to intelligence information;
2. Secrecy agreements and oaths against unauthorized disclosure of sensitive information by such committee staffers.

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3. Guidelines for committee access

to intelligence information, spelling out security procedures to be followed and prohibiting the unauthorized disclosure of sensitive information.

c. One such set of agreements has been executed by the Fraser Subcommittee and negotiations are in process with the House Ethics Committee.

d. The Assassinations Committee still is not fully organized although ranking members have agreed to our concept and clearances are being processed and a draft Memorandum of Understanding on access is being considered.

e. Senator McGovern's Subcommittee on ~~International Operations~~ Foreign Assistance has been given the name of the Legislative Counsel as his point of contact and we intend to negotiate similar arrangements with that group.

3. Staff Position: We are in constant contact with the Intelligence Community staff on matters having Intelligence Community impact and have established contacts with the Department of Defense, Legislative Affairs Office, and with the Assistant Director of NSA for Legal and Legislative Affairs, [] General Jack Thomas, [] and I will be meeting with [] and an associate on Tuesday, 24 May, to discuss further the ramifications

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of the non-oversight committee investigations on NSA. As General Allen has indicated to you, NSA has expressed serious reservations about providing SIGINT material to the Department of Justice and to the investigating committees. I expect we will have considerable difficulty in negotiating arrangements between these committees and NSA which will be acceptable to all parties. However, we will discuss this with [] and advise you of the results of this discussion.

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4. Action Recommended: It is recommended that the Office of Legislative Counsel continue to serve as the direct point of contact with the Congress on all matters pertaining to your responsibilities as Director of Central Intelligence and as head of the Central Intelligence Agency with the understanding that matters having an Intelligence Community impact will be coordinated with the Intelligence Community staff.

George L. Cary

APPROVED:

Director of Central Intelligence

Date

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Director of Central Intelligence

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